



The Jobs in the Woods Act

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer invites you to cosponsor the *Jobs in the Woods Act*. This bipartisan legislation addresses our nation's labor shortage in the forestry industry by creating a grant program for non-profits, states, and colleges to provide workforce training in forestry related fields and prepare individuals for jobs in the U.S. Forest Service and the timber industry.

BACKGROUND

The forest products industry is one of our economy's largest manufacturing sectors, sustaining over 930,000 families and contributing \$295 billion annually. We rely on loggers, haulers, pulp and paper mills, paper packaging plants and lumber facilities to provide Americans with staple products used in our daily lives.

However, labor shortages across the timber industry are limiting modernization and investment growth. Necessary government agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service, are also seeing a decline in qualified applicants to keep our forests safe. Targeted workforce education and training programs are a proven way to incentivize an industry's growth. The *Jobs in the Woods Act* will similarly provide workforce training opportunities to inspire the next generation of forestry laborers. With most of the forest manufacturing industry located in rural areas, this bill will give individuals the opportunity to learn skills that can serve them and their community.

The Jobs in the Woods Act will:

- Create education programs by states, non-profits, and colleges through grants of \$500,000-\$2,000,000.
- Create the programs in rural and low-income areas to spur economic development, bringing thousands of dollars of investments into our rural and underserved communities.
- Create a pool of talented, trained, and qualified applicants to fill timber industry job openings, helping Americans obtain quality jobs working to serve and responsibly manage our forest and secure our wood industry supply chain.
- Partner with programs that have proven to help students achieve forestry industry jobs and programs that engage with their local communities.

SUPPORT

Forest Resources Association

Alabama Forestry Association

Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group



American Forest and Paper Association
American Forest Foundation
American Forest Resource Council
American Loggers Council
American Wood Council
Arkansas Forestry Association
Arkansas Timber Producers Association
Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho
Associated Oregon Loggers Inc
Association of Consulting Foresters Black
Hills Forest Resource Association
California Forestry Association Colorado
Timber Industry Association Composite
Panel Association
Decorative Hardwoods Association
Empire State Forest Products Association
Federal Forest Resource Coalition Florida
Forestry Association
Forestry Association of South Carolina
Forest Workforce Training Institute
Georgia Forestry Association
Great Lakes Timber Producers Association
Hardwood Federation
Intermountain Forest Association
Kentucky Forest Industries Association
Keystone Wood Products Association
Louisiana Forestry Association Louisiana
Logging Council
Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association
Maryland Forests Association
Massachusetts Forest Alliance Minnesota
Forest Industries
Minnesota Timber Producers Association
Mississippi Forestry Association Missouri
Forest Products Association



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Montana Wood Products Association
National Association of State Foresters
National Alliance of Forest Owners
National Hardwood Lumber Association
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association

National Wood Flooring Association
National Woodland Owners Association
New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association
Northeastern Loggers Association
Northern Tier Hardwood Association
Oregon Women in Timber
Ohio Forestry Association
Pennsylvania Forestry Association
South Carolina Timber Producers Association
Southern Loggers Cooperative
Tennessee Forestry Association
Texas Forestry Association
Treated Wood Council
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Washington Forest Protection Association
Western Wood Preservers Institute
West Virginia Forestry Association